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ABSTRACT

Collected in this book are 27 accounts of men, women, and children from the northern and southern United States who lived, fought, and survived the U.S. Civil War. The book leads students on a journey through the Civil War era, offering a well-rounded understanding of this four year period. All characters in the book are real, and the stories are historically accurate. Followed by a variety of learning extensions--objective questions, research projects, hands-on learning activities, and open-ended points to ponder for discussion--all stories complement the history curriculum and support National History Standards. The stories in the book are organized chronologically through the years of the Civil War: "1861 at a Glance: Passions Boil"; "Bloodshed Begins"; "1862 at a Glance: A Deadly Tug of War"; "1863 at a Glance: The Tide Turns"; "1864 at a Glance: The Endless End"; and "1865 at a Glance: Johnny Comes Marching Home." Each story in the book is self contained and can be used singly, grouped with other stories with a similar theme, or as part of an extensive study of the Civil War period. The book's stories are appropriate for read-alouds with younger children and for silent reading and research by older students. Each unit is divided into five sections: (1) "At a Glance" (creates background context and perspective for the following story); (2) "Meet the Character" (provides a brief biographical sketch of each story's main character); (3) "The Story"; (4) "Aftermath" (summarizes the effect on the war of events described in the story); and (5) "Follow-Up Questions and Activities." (Contains a glossary and an extensive list of selected references.) (BT)

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